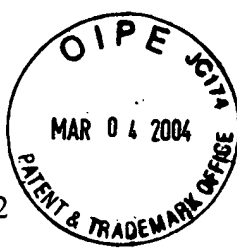


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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicant hereby calls the following document to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 6,510,285 to HIRAI, which issued on January 21, 2003.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

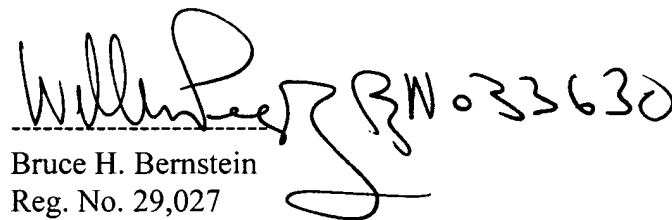
Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the patent documents. The document has been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is attached hereto.

Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate space on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of this document.

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Should the Examiner have any further questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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